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Application No.: 10/713,446
Office Action Dated: July 8, 2009

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-7, 11, 13-17 and 21-34 are pending in the present application and are presented for reconsideration. Claims 1, 3-7, 25-26, and 31-34 are amended. Claims 2, 8-10 and 12 were previously canceled. Claims 11, 13-17, 21-24, and 27-30 remain in the application unchanged.

In the Office Action mailed on July 8, 2009 (the "Office Action"), Claims 11, 13-17 and 26-30 were allowed.

Claims 1, 3-7, 21-25 and 31-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. In particular, the process claims allegedly are not tied to another statutory category (such as a particular apparatus), or transform the underlying subject matter to a different state or thing. Claims 1, 3-7, 25, and 31-32 are amended to recite that one or more steps of the methods are performed by a processor, thereby tying the method to a particular apparatus. The rejection of claims 1, 3-7, 21-25 and 31-32 under 35 U.S.C. §101 is now believed to be overcome.

Also in Office Action, Claims 33 and 34 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 33 and 34 have been rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim, and are now believed to be in position for allowance.

Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and remarks.

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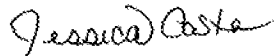
Conclusion

In view of the above comments, it is believed that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance and favorable action on Claims 1, 3-7, 21-25 and 31-34 is respectfully requested.

If any additional fee is required by this amendment, the fee may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2765.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the number below should the Examiner believe that a telephone conversation would assist in advancing prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,



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